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TO: Virginia Code Officials and Stakeholders

FROM: Cindy Davis, Deputy Director
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RE: 2015 Virginia Codes – Effective Date

Please be advised that the Virginia Board of Housing and Community Development, at their meeting on July 30, 2018, approved the final suspended provisions of the 2015 Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code. **The effective date of the Uniform Statewide Building Code, Industrialized Building Safety Regulations, and the Amusement Device Regulations is September 4, 2018.**

The state publications are posted on the DHCD website here: [2015 Regulations](#)

The custom versions of the national model codes that incorporate Virginia amendments are in the process of being published by the International Code Council (ICC) and are on schedule to be available late fall.

As in past update cycles, a one-year period is in effect that provides permit applicants a choice of complying with the existing 2012 codes or the 2015 codes.

The Mandatory Code Change Training (CCT) schedule can be found here: [Code Change Training Schedule](#). This schedule is tentative and may change, as necessary, so please check the website for updates. The CCT modules will be available online through the VBCA Learning Center later this fall. We encourage everyone interested in the online modules to access their Learning Center account ahead of time, as some of the features have changed since the last round of CCT. Later this calendar year, we hope to offer a few webinars on CCT.

Note that the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code (SFPC) is on a different timeline and is tentatively anticipated to have an effective date of October 16, 2018.

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